

THYSSEN STEEL AUTOMOTIVE EXCLUSION REQUEST

ATTACHMENT 7 HOT ROLLED MS PHASE STEEL (NEW PRODUCT)

- (a) The designation of the product under a recognized standard or certification (e.g., ASTM, DIN), or the commercial name for the product and the HTS number under which the product enters the United States.

The merchandise subject to this request is known as hot rolled martensitic phase steel with mainly martensitic microstructure. This is a special hot rolled product used to manufacture automotive products.

The applicable HTS provisions are: 7225.30.3050 and 7225.30.7000.

- (b) A description of the product based on physical characteristics (e.g. chemical composition, metallurgical properties, dimensions, surface quality) so as to distinguish the products from products for which exclusion is not sought;

The product described above has the following properties:

Characterized by either (i) tensile strength over 1000 Mpa and elongation percentage over 5% for thicknesses up to 3.5 mm, or (ii) with a tensile strength over 1200 Mpa and an elongation percentage over 5% for thicknesses up to 4.0 mm.

- (c) The basis for requesting an exclusion;

This is a new product, there is no domestic availability.

- (d) The names and locations of any producers, in the United States and foreign countries of the product;

Thyssen is unable to identify any other manufacturers

- (e) Total U.S. Consumption of the product, if any, by quantity and value for each year from 1996 to 2000, and the projected annual consumption for each year from 2001 to 2005, with a basis for the projection;

None.

(f) Total US production of the product for each year from 1996 to 2000, if any;

None.

(g) The identity of any US produced substitute for the product, total US production of the substitute for each year from 1996 to 2000, and the names of any US producers of the substitute;

None.

CONCLUSION

We understand that the purpose of the USTR investigation is to determine appropriate remedies for the importation of certain steel products, which are produced by the domestic industry. We believe that US production of this product is nonexistent. Accordingly, we respectfully request that hot rolled MS Phase steel be excluded from any import restrictions, and that the language of any remedy order for HTS subheadings 7225.30.3050 and 7225.30.7000 clearly exclude this product.